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**PRISONER SWAP**



Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad suggested on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 that Iran would release three jailed U.S. hikers in exchange for Iranians currently serving in American prisons.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**BODE'S FIVE**



In this Jan 16, 2010, file photo, Bode Miller, of the United States, is airborne during the men's World Cup downhill skiing competition at Wengen, Switzerland. U.S. Ski Team men's coach Sasha Rearick says Bode Miller plans to race all five Alpine events at the Vancouver Olympics.

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Inner Circle member Keith Shields holds a sign after Punxsutawney Phil, the weather prognosticating groundhog emerged from his burrow on Gobblers Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa., to see his shadow and forecast six more weeks of winter weather Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010.

*Associated Press*

## Groundhog predicts 6 more weeks of winter

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pennsylvania (AP) — The groundhog has spoken. And it's bad news.

Punxsutawney Phil has emerged to see his shadow before chilly revelers in Pennsylvania, meaning winter will last another six weeks.

German tradition holds that if a hibernating animal sees its shadow on Feb. 2 — the Christian holiday of Candlemas — winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says spring will come early.

The Inner Circle of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club annually announces Phil's forecast at dawn on Gobbler's Knob, about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. □

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## Top uniformed officer: Gay ban should be lifted



Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen, right, accompanied by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, before a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

*Associated Press*

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## Haiti food convoy attacked; UN warns of volatility



Police arrest a man carrying goods taken from collapsed stores in the market in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010.

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# Top uniformed officer: Gay ban should be lifted



CodePink's Medea Benjamin demonstrates on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, as Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing related to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

*Associated Press*

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Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military's top uniformed officer on Tuesday made an impassioned plea for allowing

gays to serve openly in uniform, telling a Senate panel it was a matter of integrity and that it is wrong to force people to "lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens." The comments by

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, set the stage for the military's yearlong study into how the ban can be repealed without causing a major upheaval to the fighting forces.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, appearing with Mullen before the Armed Services Committee, announced plans to loosen enforcement rules involving the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has been in effect since 1993. It requires service personnel to keep their sexual orientation secret.

President Barack Obama has called for a repeal of the policy, a move that require congressional action. If he succeeds, it would mark the biggest shake up to military personnel policies since President Harry S. Truman's 1948 executive order integrating the services.

Gay rights activists, a core constituency of Obama's Democratic Party have

complained he has been slow in fulfilling a campaign promise to eliminate the policy.

But some high-ranking military officers are reluctant to embrace the change while troops are stretched thin at a time of two wars.

"No matter how I look at the issue," Mullen said, "I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens." Noting that he was speaking for himself and not for the other service chiefs, Mullen added: "For me, it comes down to integrity — theirs as individuals and ours as an institution."

Sen. John McCain, the ranking Republican on the panel, publicly bristled at the Pentagon's decision to the study, saying he is "deeply disappointed" and calling the assessment "clearly biased"

because it presumes the law should be changed.

"Has this policy been ideal? No, it has not," McCain, a former Navy officer, said. "But it has been effective."

Several other Republicans sided with McCain, warning Mullen and Gates not to pursue a change at a time when the United States is fighting two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and facing a continuing threat of terrorism. Democrats said they would back a change in policy.

Sen. Carl Levin, a Democrat and chairman of the committee, said a repeal of the law might be slipped into a broader military policy bill that authorizes defense spending. Democratic Sen. Mark Udall said his Colorado constituents pride themselves on allowing others to live and let live.

"You don't have to be straight to shoot straight," said Udall, quoting libertarian Barry Goldwater. □



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# APNewsBreak: U.S. study shows drop in child abuse

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AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A massive new federal study documents an unprecedented and dramatic decrease in incidents of serious child abuse in the U.S., especially sexual abuse. Experts hailed the findings as proof that crackdowns and public awareness campaigns had made headway.

An estimated 553,000 children suffered physical, sexual or emotional abuse in 2005-06, down 26 percent from the estimated 743,200 abuse victims in 1993, the study found.

“It’s the first time since we started collecting data about these things that we’ve seen substantial declines over a long period, and that’s tremendously encouraging,” said professor David Finkelhor of the University of New Hampshire, a leading researcher in the field of child abuse.

“It does suggest that the mobilization around this issue is helping and it’s a problem that is amenable to solutions,” he said.

The findings were contained in the fourth installment of the National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, a congressionally mandated study that has been conducted periodically by the Department of Health and Human Services. The previous version was issued in 1996, based on 1993 data.

The new study is based on information from more than 10,700 “sentinels” — such as child welfare workers, police officers, teachers, health care professionals and day care workers — in 122 counties across the country. The detailed data collected from them was then used to make national estimates.

The number of sexually abused children decreased

from 217,700 in 1993 to 135,300 in 2005-2006 — a 38 percent drop, the study shows. The number of children who experienced physical abuse fell by 15 percent and the number of emotionally abused children dropped by 27 percent.

The 455-page study shied away from trying to explain the trends, but other experts offered their theories.

“There’s much more public awareness and public intolerance around child abuse now,” said Linda Spears, the Child Welfare League of America’s vice president for public policy. “It was a hidden concern before — people were afraid to talk about it if it was in their family.”

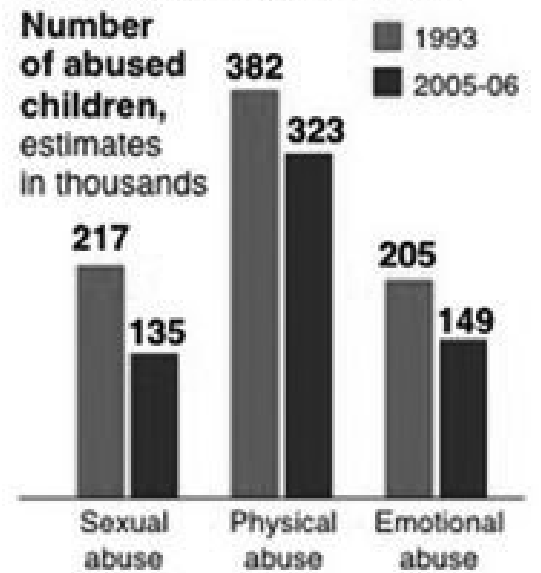
She also noted the proliferation of programs designed to help abusers and potential abusers overcome their problems.

Finkelhor, whose own previous research detected a drop in abuse rates, said the study reveals “real, substantial declines” that cannot be dismissed on any technical grounds, such as changing definitions of abuse.

He suggested that the decline was a product of several coinciding trends, including a “troop surge” in the 1990s when more people were deployed in child protection services and the criminal justice system intensified its anti-abuse efforts with more arrests and prison sentences. Finkelhor also suggested that the greatly expanded use of medications may have enabled many potential child abusers to treat the conditions that otherwise might have led them to molest or mistreat a child. □

## Fewer kids hurt

A government study found that the number of abused children in the U.S. fell 26% since a 1993 study was conducted.



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

AP

## NASA's 7 new space pioneers are companies

SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A half century ago the Mercury Seven embodied America’s space future. Now it’s the merchant seven — space companies for hire.

Mimicking a scene 51 years ago when the Mercury astronauts were revealed, NASA’s boss beamed Tuesday as he introduced the “faces of a new frontier:” representatives of the seven companies that NASA is funding to develop future private spacecraft.

And more money is coming. In President Barack Obama’s proposed budget, he not only killed his predecessor’s \$100 billion moon program, he proposed spending \$6 billion over five years to develop private space taxis. NASA would then pay them to carry

astronauts to the International Space Station.

Some of the players include companies run by Internet pioneers Jeff Bezos of Amazon and Elon Musk of PayPal. Bezos runs Blue Origin, a Washington state company that until Tuesday had only talked about going into suborbital space; now it will compete to go into orbit as a space taxi. Musk runs SpaceX of California and already has built a rocket called Falcon and a capsule called Dragon.

Others include Boeing Co. of Houston; Paragon Space Development Co. of Arizona; Sierra Nevada Corp. of Nevada; United Launch Alliance of Denver, and Orbital Science Corp. of Virginia.

NASA on Tuesday detailed \$50 million worth of seed

grants for development of a space taxi to Boeing, Sierra Nevada, Paragon, United Launch and Blue Origin.

A year ago, the space agency gave \$3.5 billion in contracts to Orbital Science and SpaceX for 20 commercial cargo resupply flights to the space station. Both are likely to develop crew taxis too, with Musk of SpaceX saying he could fly astronauts within three years of a final contract. And he said he could do it for \$20 million a head, less than half the price NASA pays Russia for astronauts flying on that country’s Soyuz capsule.

NASA administrator Charles Bolden and officials from the companies said just because space will become for-profit, safety will not be forgotten, as some congressional critics worry. □

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# Obama team draws sharp questions on budget

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama's \$3.8 trillion budget outline drew bipartisan fire from U.S. lawmakers on Tuesday, with Republicans complaining it does not address deficits soon enough and raises taxes too much. Democrats balked at some of Obama's spending cuts.

It was a rocky reception for the day-old document, underscoring election-year restlessness and rising public anger at bailouts, bonuses and ballooning deficits. The complaints across party lines suggested it could be difficult for Obama to win support for key parts of his budget, even from members of his own party.

Sen. Bill Nelson called Obama's proposal to cancel NASA's manned moon return program shortsighted. Sen. Patty Murray derided his proposal to include Army Corps projects in a proposed partial three-year spending freeze. Sen. Jay Rockefeller said environmental priorities in the budget would unfairly burden coal states such as his. All three are Democrats.



CodePink demonstrators hold up signs behind Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, left, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, as he prepared to testify before the Senate Finance Committee about President Barack Obama's fiscal year 2011 budget.

*Associated Press*

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, under grilling by the Senate Finance Committee, said that despite the lively crossfire he could see a bipartisan consensus building that "deficits matter, tax cuts are not free."

"The American people want to see their leaders coming together and bringing practical solutions" to the

problems created by the worst downturn since the 1930s, Geithner said.

In one sign of possible common ground, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, a Democrat, suggested there is support across party lines for Obama's proposal to give companies a \$5,000 tax credit for each new worker they hire in 2010.

"We need to work on legislation that will create jobs. And we need to work

across the aisle, so that the legislation on which we work can become law," Baucus said.

Even so, Obama may not be able to count on one Republican senator who has worked with Democrats in the past. Sen. Olympia Snowe blasted Obama's effort to create jobs while proposing higher taxes on families making more than \$250,000 a year. Snowe said the tax increase would also hit small businesses, leaving

many owners unwilling to start hiring again because of uncertainties over future tax liabilities. "Who is going to take the risk?" Snowe asked.

One contentious area was Obama's proposal to draw up to \$30 billion remaining in the \$700 billion bank bailout program, enacted in 2008, to invest in community banks to encourage them to lend to small businesses. Obama promoted the program on Tuesday at a campaign-style appearance in Nashua, New Hampshire.

New Hampshire Republican Sen. Judd Gregg argued that money from the Toxic Asset Relief Program that is left over or repaid by banks is by law supposed to go toward paying down federal debt. "It's not for a piggy bank because you're concerned about lending to small businesses," Gregg told White House Budget Director Peter Orszag.

Orszag replied that the administration was well aware of the provision in the TARP legislation — and that's why it is seeking legislation to authorize the program.

But separately, Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Democrat, told Geithner the administration should not wait for legislation to OK such small-business loans, it should just extend the money — as it had done in using TARP funds to help bail out automakers and Wall Street financial giants.

The government "put the screws to the community banks and gave all the money to the big banks. Right now people are cutting lines of credit to small business," Cantwell complained.

The administration has also proposed a \$90 billion tax on big banks over 10 years to help recoup losses from the TARP program. Geithner told senators the U.S. might have to extend such a tax — the administration calls it a "fee" — beyond the ten years if bailout costs haven't been recouped by then. □



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## AP source: Suspect's family led to FBI cooperation

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Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nigerian man accused of trying to use a bomb hidden in his underwear to bring down a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day has been cooperating with investigators since last week and provided fresh intelligence in multiple terror investigations, officials said Tuesday.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's cooperation could prove to be a national security victory and a political vindication for President Barack Obama, who has been under fire from lawmakers who contend the administration botched the case by giving Abdulmutallab the right to remain silent, rather than interrogating him as a military prisoner.

In the days after the failed bombing, a pair of FBI agents flew to Nigeria and persuaded Abdulmutallab's family to help them. When the agents returned to the United States, Abdulmutallab's family came, too, according to a senior administration official

briefed on the case who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case.

FBI officials continue to question Abdulmutallab, working in collaboration with CIA and other intelligence authorities, the official said. Authorities had hoped to keep Abdulmutallab's cooperation secret as they continued to investigate his leads, but details began to trickle out during testimony Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

In a terse exchange, FBI Director Robert Mueller appeared to confirm that Abdulmutallab is now talking with investigators.

The Senate Intelligence Committee's Democratic chairwoman, Dianne Feinstein, asked Mueller: "It is also my understanding that Mr. Abdulmutallab has provided valuable information. Is that correct?"

"Yes," Mueller replied.

"Thank you," Feinstein said, "and that the interrogation continues despite the fact that he has been Mirandized?"

"Mirandized" means that the

suspect had been read his so-called Miranda rights, which informs a criminal suspect that the U.S. Constitution forbids police from forcing an admission of guilt.

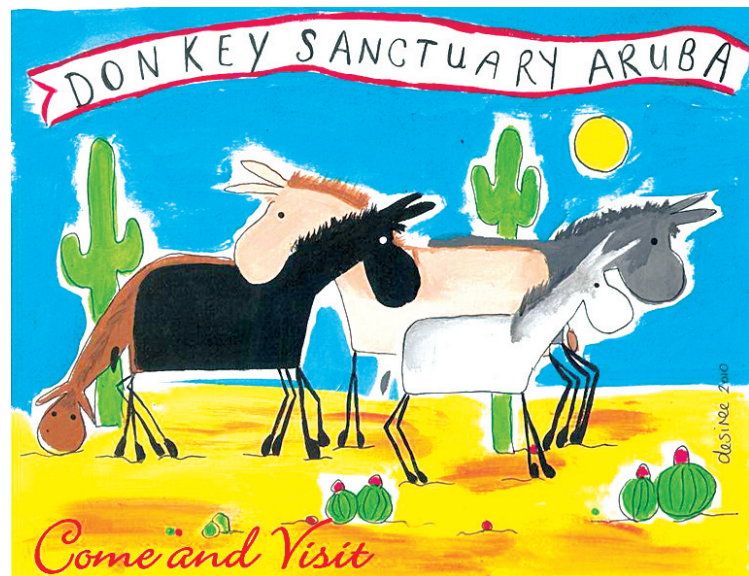
"Yes," Mueller said. He explained that Abdulmutallab

did talk to FBI agents after he was arrested on Christmas Day, speaking freely until he went into surgery for burns on his legs.

Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair also confirmed that authorities

continued to get intelligence in Abdulmutallab's case.

In Detroit, U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade would not comment. A message seeking comment was left with Abdulmutallab's lawyer, Miriam Siefer. □



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In this Nov 16, 2009 file photo, Chinese President Hu Jintao gestures to U.S. President Barack Obama, left, after a joint press conference at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. Barely two weeks into the new year, U.S.-China relations are being roiled by old tensions over Taiwan, Tibet and trade, along with new irritations including Google's allegations it had been hacked and Pentagon concerns over the People's Liberation Army's massive buildup.

**CHRISTOPHER BODEEN**  
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BEIJING (AP) — China is pledging to retaliate against the U.S. over arms sales to

Taiwan and warning of further damage to ties if President Barack Obama meets the Dalai Lama.

There's likely to be even

*Associated Press*

# China-U.S. tensions spiking over Taiwan, Dalai Lama

more turbulence ahead: Trade friction, currency rate woes and allegations of cyber-spying are already roiling relations.

The rhetoric also is sharpening in a disagreement over new sanctions against Iran, with Beijing refusing U.S. calls to push Tehran harder to cooperate with nuclear inspectors.

Yet the sheer number and variety of current disputes also reflects a newly combative approach by Beijing, emboldened by its \$2.4 trillion in foreign holdings — about \$800 billion of which is invested in U.S. Treasury securities — and relative success handling the impact

of the global financial crisis. A tough line is essential for the communist leadership that places a premium on being deemed by the deeply nationalist public to be "tough enough to defend China in a dangerous world," said John Garver, an expert on Chinese foreign policy at Georgia Tech.

Since the 2008 financial crisis, Beijing has concluded that the world's developed democracies "are badly wounded and therefore a healthy and growing China can now impose its will all over the world," said Edward Friedman, a China specialist at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

"It therefore has become more assertive and uncompromising and self-confident, such that its actions seem arrogant to many," Friedman said. Washington is looking to Beijing to help finance its stimulus spending by continuing to recycle its trade surpluses into buying Treasury securities and other government debt. While China has reduced such purchases as a hedge, they remain a force keeping U.S. interest rates low and the sluggish economy moving.

"The fact that Beijing is Washington's banker is not lost on the Chinese government," said Oxford University China scholar Steve Tsang. Tensions have also been raised in recent weeks over U.S. comments on Internet freedom and a dispute between the Chinese government and Google Inc., which said it might pull out of China over censorship and cyber attacks on dissidents originating from within the country.

Google says it's no longer willing to acquiesce to the Chinese government's demands for censored search results, yet it still wants access to the country's engineering talent and steadily growing online advertising and mobile phone markets.

For their part, Chinese leaders are determined to control

the flow of information, and state media has portrayed Google's complaints as part of a U.S. government-sponsored campaign of "information imperialism."

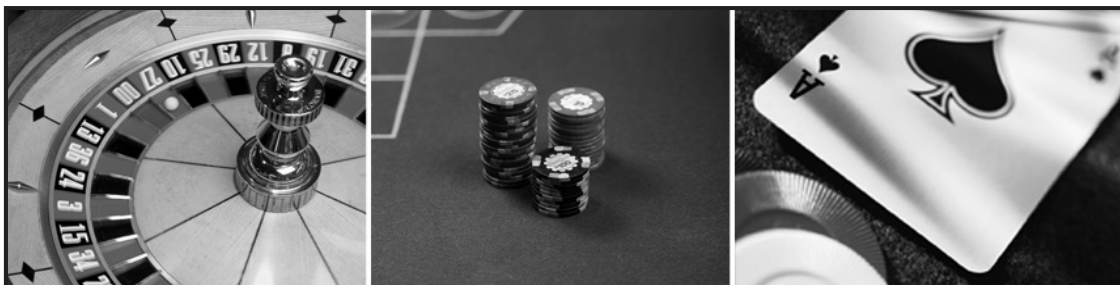
Speaking Tuesday at a regularly scheduled news conference, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu reiterated China's anger over Washington's \$6.4 billion Taiwan weapons package announced over the weekend, but offered no new details on threatened sanctions against the U.S. companies involved. China claims Taiwan as its own territory and regards arms sales to the self-governing island democracy as a violation of its sovereignty. China said Saturday it was suspending military exchanges in response to the sale and could take further unspecified action.

The suspension follows the model employed in similar spats in past years. What's new this time is Beijing's threat to punish U.S. companies that make the weapons involved, among them Boeing Co., United Technologies Corp., Lockheed Martin Corp. and Raytheon Co.

A U.S. defense official said China shouldn't have been surprised by the arms sale and criticized Beijing's response. "I think it's unfortunate that China has reacted the way it has," Bruce Lemkin, a deputy undersecretary with the U.S. Air Force, said at an air show in Singapore.

On Tuesday, another Chinese official warned that an Obama meeting with the Dalai Lama would "seriously undermine the political foundation" of China-U.S. relations.

The warning from Zhu Weiqun, a Chinese participant in weekend talks with the Dalai Lama's representatives, follows signals from U.S. officials in recent weeks that Obama might soon meet the exiled Tibetan leader — something Chinese officials are keen to avoid before President Hu Jintao travels to Washington, possibly in April.



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## Israel closes beaches after explosives wash ashore

AMY TEIBEL

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police cordoned off beaches along a 25-mile area north of the Gaza Strip on Tuesday after two barrels carrying explosive devices washed up on Israeli shores.

Palestinian militants claimed responsibility for the failed attack, which came amid heightened tensions over the assassination of a Hamas commander in Dubai last month.

While Israel has not commented on the killing, Gaza's Hamas rulers and their Iranian patrons have blamed the Jewish state.

Israeli police said the two barrels, each containing 22 pounds of explosives, washed up on Israel's shores late Monday, first in the port city of Ashkelon and several hours later in Ashdod to the north.

A bomb squad defused one barrel, while the explosives in the second blew up while a robot was inspecting them.

There were no injuries.

"The attack was an intended terrorist attack that failed," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. "Police assessed the security situation throughout last night and continue to keep the beaches closed."

Then on Tuesday, a rocket from Gaza exploded in an open field in southern Israel, causing no injuries or damage. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Maritime authorities warned sailors and fishermen to be alert to possible dangers in the waters, surfers were ordered out of the water and the public was told to keep away. In Ashdod, a massive crane-like robot crawled along the beach, prodding suspicious objects.

"The beach is closed, boats are patrolling the waters, there are no people around, helicopters are in the air looking for more explosive barrels," restaurant owner Lee Voldberg told Army Radio from Ashdod.

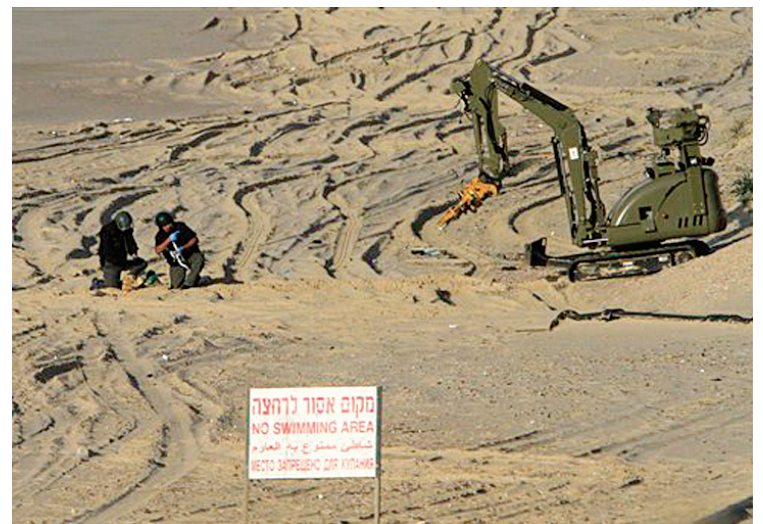
Meir Chakmon, a police spokesman in Ashkelon, said authorities resumed the search at the crack of dawn.

"At this stage nothing else has been found. We are continuing the search. We think there is a possibility that new explosive devices will surface," he said. "We don't know how many are in the sea."

Three militant factions in Gaza took responsibility for the attack, saying in a joint statement that they sent a total of eight explosives to Ashkelon on Friday and detonated them by remote control.

Hamas was not among the factions to sign the statement, though one of the groups, the Popular Resistance Committees, has close ties with the Islamic militant group.

Hamas has been careful to maintain an informal ceasefire since Israel ended a brutal military offensive in Gaza a year ago. At the same time, the group is furious



Police sappers scan the Hofit beach in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon, Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. On Monday, at least two barrels full of explosives washed up on Israeli beaches north of Gaza. Police safely disposed of the explosives.

Associated Press

over the mysterious death of one of its commanders in a Dubai hotel last month.

On Tuesday, Iran also accused Israel, calling the assassination "yet another example of state-sponsored Israeli terrorism." Israel officials have said the commander, Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, was involved in smuggling rockets from Iran to Gaza.

The heightened tensions have complicated prisoner-swap negotiations between the two sides. But Ayman Taha, a Hamas spokesman in Gaza, said the talks

— through German and Egyptian mediators — would continue.

"We say that the present circumstances are not appropriate to continue negotiations for a prisoner swap deal, but we don't say that the negotiations have ceased completely," Taha said.

The two sides have been trying to reach a deal to trade Israeli Sgt. Gilad Schalit for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners Israel holds. Schalit was captured by Hamas-linked militants in June 2006. □

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# Ahmadinejad proposes prisoner swap for U.S. hikers

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TEHRAN (AP) — Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday proposed a prisoner swap of Iranians in U.S. prisons for three American hikers being held in Tehran.

Ahmadinejad said in interview with state TV that there were ongoing negotiations about possibly exchanging the hikers for several Iranians jailed for years in the United States.

“There are some talks under way to have an exchange, if it is possible,” he said.

“Recently they (the U.S.) have sent messages, we answered to bring them (the Iranians), to bring these people (the hikers). We are hopeful that all prisoners will be released.”

Ahmadinejad did not mention any specifics but in December Iran released a list of 11 Iranians it says are being held in the U.S. — including a nuclear scientist who disappeared in Saudi Arabia and a former



Joshua Fattal



Shane Bauer



Sarah Shourd

This combination of undated file photos released by freethehikers.org shows, from left; Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd. Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad suggested on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 that Iran would release three jailed U.S. hikers in exchange for Iranians currently serving in American prisons.

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Defense Ministry official who vanished in Turkey. The list also includes an Iranian arrested in Canada on charges of trying to obtain nuclear technology. “I had said I would help in releasing them, but the attitude of some of U.S. officials damages the job,” said Ahmadinejad. “There are a large number of Iranians in prison in the U.S. They have abducted

some of our citizens in other countries.”

Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal were hiking in Iraq’s northern Kurdistan region in July when they accidentally crossed the border, their families have said.

Iran’s foreign minister said in late December that the three would be tried in court, but he did not say when a trial would begin or what the three would be charged with other than to say they had “suspicious aims.” Earlier, the country’s chief prosecutor said they were accused of spying.

Their families say that’s ludicrous and last month hired an Iranian attorney to press the case.

Ahmadinejad said there were “indications they knew they were crossing into Iran.”

The last time anyone sympathetic saw the three was at the end of October, when Swiss diplomats were granted a short visit. The U.S. has no diplomatic relationship with Iran and is represented in such matters by the Swiss. At the time, the diplomats said the three were in good health.

Their jailing comes amid continued tension between the U.S. and Iran over that nation’s nuclear program.

When the list of 11 Iranians came out State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley

said it appeared the Iranian government was trying to suggest some kind of equivalence between the hikers and Iranians that had left Iran.

“There really is no equivalence at all,” he said at the time.

Three of the Iranians on the list have been convicted or charged in public court proceedings in the United States. The circumstances surrounding some of the others are more mysterious. Ali Reza Asgari, a retired general in the elite Revolutionary Guard and a former deputy defense minister, disappeared while on a private trip to Turkey in December 2006.

Shahram Amiri, an Iranian nuclear scientist, went missing while on a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia in June. Iran’s foreign minister has accused the U.S. of helping to kidnap him and has asked for his return.

The list also includes three Iranians who Tehran claims were abducted in Europe and sent to the U.S.: merchant Mohsen Afrasiabi, who it says disappeared in Germany, as well as electrical engineering student Majid Kakavand and a former ambassador to Jordan, Nasrollah Tajik, who it says vanished in France. French media have reported

that Kakavand was arrested in March at the request of the U.S. on suspicion he obtained electronic equipment. He was jailed, then moved to house arrest on Aug. 27. The French press has reported that Tajik went missing in Britain.

Three of the Iranians Tehran is asking about have faced public legal proceedings in the U.S.

One of them, Baktash Fattahi, is a legal U.S. resident. He was arrested in April in California and charged with conspiracy to export American-made military aircraft parts to Iran.

Another, Amir Amirnazmi, is a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen who was convicted by a court in Pennsylvania in February of business dealings with Iranian companies banned under U.S. sanctions.

Amir Hossein Ardebili was sentenced to five years in prison on Dec. 14 by a court in Wilmington, Delaware, after pleading guilty to plotting to ship U.S. military technology to Iran. Iran has called it a show trial and said Ardebili was abducted in the former Soviet republic of Georgia in 2007 before being handed over to U.S. authorities in 2008.

One of the other Iranians, Mahmoud Yadegari, was arrested in April in Canada after a joint investigation with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and charged with trying to send nuclear technology to his native Iran.

Authorities allege Yadegari tried to procure and export pressure transducers, which can be used in the production of enriched uranium but also have many legitimate commercial uses.

The other two Iranians on the list are Amir-Shahrazad Amir-Qolikhani and Hassan Saeid Kashari. Iran gave no information about them other than to say they are being held in the U.S. without charge. □

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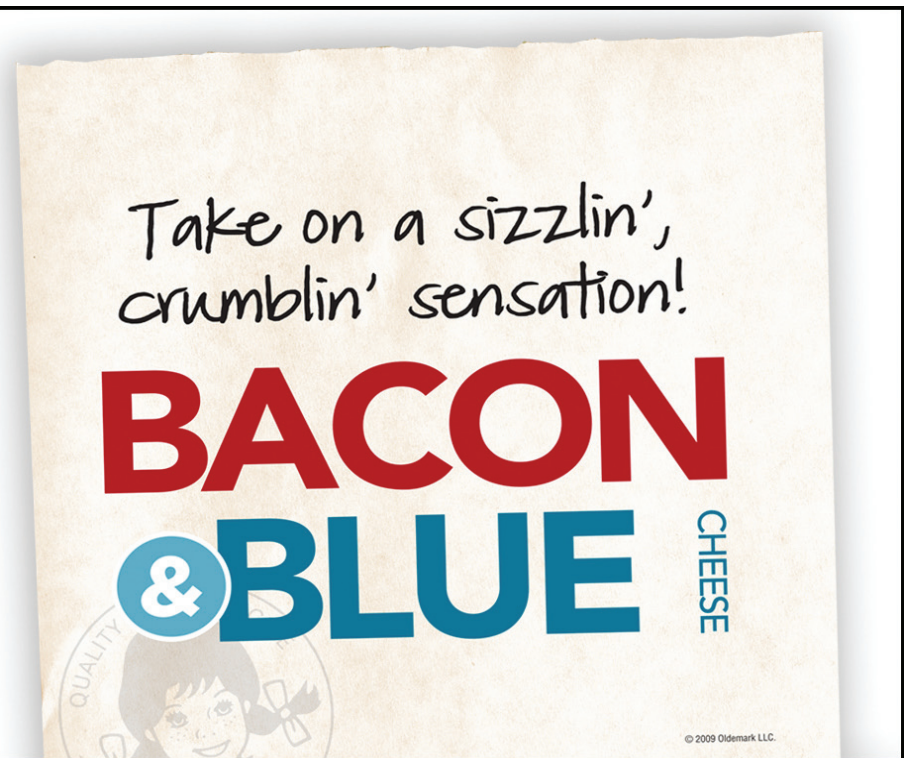
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# Haiti food convoy attacked; UN warns of volatility

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Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Twenty armed men blocked a road and tried to hijack a convoy of food for earthquake victims, but were driven off by police gunfire, U.N. officials said Tuesday as they warned of security problems in a still-desperate nation.

The attack on the convoy as it carried supplies from an airport in the southern town of Jeremie underscored the shaky safety in the streets that has added to Haitians' frustration at the slow pace of aid since the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Most quake victims are still living outside in squalid tents of sheets and sticks and aid officials acknowledge they have not yet gotten food to the majority of those in need. Mobs have stolen food and looted goods from their neighbors in the camps, prompting many to band together or stay awake at night to prevent raids.

About 20 armed men blockaded a street Saturday and attacked a convoy carrying food from the airport in Jeremie, according to UN spokesman Vincenzo Pugliese. U.N. and Haitian officers fired warning gunshots and the men fled the scene, Pugliese said. No injuries were reported and no one was hurt.

Haitian police have increased their own patrols and are accompanying UN police guarding aid distribution.

"The overall security situation

across the country remains stable but potentially volatile," the UN mission said in a statement Tuesday.

In Jacmel, also a southern city, 33 escaped prisoners were apprehended Sunday, the U.N. said. Many prisoners escaped when prisons collapsed.

While Haitians are still mourning friends and relatives, many still unburied, anger at the government's sluggish response to the quake is feeding political resentment.

About 40 protesters gathered outside the Haitian government's temporary headquarters, holding placards to demand pay for state workers. Many who had jobs before the earthquake can't return to work because buildings have collapsed.

Hundreds more waited outside the migration agency Tuesday to renew their passports in the hope they can leave the country. Others, despairing of government help, paid men to excavate loved ones from the rubble.

Hundreds gathered Monday at a gravel pit in Titanyen where countless earthquake victims have been dumped, turning a remembrance ceremony for the dead into one of the first organized political rallies since the disaster.

Many denounced President Rene Preval and called for the return of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

"Preval has done nothing for this country, nothing for the victims," said Jean Delcius,

54, who was bused to the memorial service by Aristide's development foundation. "We need someone new to take charge here. If it's not Aristide, then someone competent."

Critics were already blaming Preval for rising unemployment, corruption and greed. Then the earthquake struck, flattening most government buildings and turning the capital into an apocalyptic vision of broken concrete and twisted steel.

Preval has rarely been seen in public since, leaving Prime Minister Max Bellerive to defend the government's performance Tuesday as Haiti's Senate met in a prefabricated room at the police academy because its own building collapsed in the quake.

"Even the most advanced countries could not respond to this crisis," Bellerive said. "There is still a government, but we have no buildings. We have no equipment. We have no resources."

The government has asked all non-governmental aid groups in the country to start working with it to improve the often disjointed food distribution.

"It is true we are in need," said Sen. Jean Joel Joseph. "But don't treat us like dogs ... as if we are animals. We ask the prime minister to ask the foreigners to reorganize the way this aid is being distributed."

Haiti's government also has had to deal with the 10 Americans who tried to take

a busload of undocumented Haitian children out of the country. The Idaho-based church group was being held without charges at a police station as officials debated what to do with them.

Bellerive has said they could be prosecuted in the United States because Haiti's shattered court system may not be able to cope with a trial. U.S. Embassy officials would not say if a U.S. court process is possible.

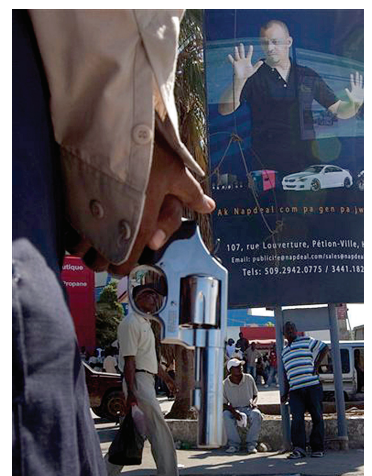
Discontent with Preval appears to be growing, three weeks after the disaster.

"He came Saturday and then just left," said Jude John Peter, 23, in a camp across from Haiti's demolished National Palace, where some 2,000 people are crammed into tents. "He's nowhere to be seen at first and then leaves when things get hot."

Aristide, a former slum priest had a huge following among Haiti's poor, but he was ousted in 2004 as corruption and drug trafficking grew rampant and some of former supporters accused him of abandoning his early followers to line his own pockets.

Aristide has said that he would like to return from his exile in South Africa — a move that would add political instability to the post-quake chaos.

Before legislative elections scheduled for Feb. 28 were postponed, Haiti's presidentially appointed electoral council had excluded more than a dozen political



**A Haitian police officer holds a gun in Port-au-Prince, Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010. U.N. peacekeepers patrolling the capital said popular anger is rising and warned authorities and aid organizations to increase security to guard against looting after Tuesday's earthquake.**

*Associated Press*

parties — including Aristide's — from the next round of elections in 2011. Opposition groups accused the council of trying to help Preval expand his power.

Across the capital, Haitians have voiced anger over the hasty burials of earthquake victims. Many Haitians believe that bodies must be properly buried and remembered by relatives and family so their spirits can pass on to heaven. In Voodoo, some believe that improper burials can trap spirits between two worlds.

The mourners on Monday gathered near a white metal cross erected on a mound of gravel that covered nameless bodies dropped into a pit by dump trucks. □



# Jackson's doctor arrives in Los Angeles

By THOMAS WATKINS and LINDA DEUTSCH,

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LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's physician has arrived in Los Angeles in anticipation of a decision from the district attorney's office on whether to charge him for the singer's death, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Dr. Conrad Murray, who practices in Houston, arrived in Los Angeles last weekend and one of his lawyers, Edward Chernoff, plans to join him, spokeswoman Miranda Sevcik said.

"Dr. Murray is in Los Angeles for a dual purpose — on family business and to be available for law enforcement," Sevcik said. "We're trying to be as cooperative as we can."

There is no official word on when an announcement about any charges might come. David Walgren, the deputy Los Angeles County district attorney handling the case, declined to comment Tuesday.

The district attorney's office has for weeks been working closely with Los Angeles Police Department investigators to build a case against Murray. Two law enforcement officials have told the AP that Murray is likely to be charged with



Dr. Conrad Murray arrives at the Armstrong Medical Clinic in Houston in this November 23, 2009 file photo. The Los Angeles prosecutor's office on January 8, 2010 said it has not yet decided whether to charge Murray, Michael Jackson's doctor, with a crime in the pop singer's sudden death by cardiac arrest last June.

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involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's June 25 death from an anesthetic overdose.

The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak publicly about the case.

Jackson, 50, hired Murray to be his personal physician as he prepared for a strenuous series of comeback performances in London. He died in Los Angeles after Murray administered the powerful general anesthetic propofol and two other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac to sleep, according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office, which ruled the death a homicide.

Murray has denied any criminal wrongdoing.

"We continue to maintain that Dr. Murray neither prescribed nor administered anything that should have killed Michael Jackson," Sevcik said. □

# In eastern Cuba, wax Hemingway looks spookily real



A wax figure of U.S. writer Ernest Hemingway is seen at an exhibition at Bayamo wax museum in Cuba, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010. A life-size likeness of the legendary author of 'The Old Man and the Sea' was unveiled last week at a wax museum in the eastern city of Bayamo.

(AP Photo/Ismael Francisco, Prensa Latina)

HAVANA — Ernest Hemingway still haunts Cuba; he's just doing it in wax.

A life-size likeness of the legendary author debuted last week at a wax museum in the eastern city of Bayamo.

Hemingway wrote "The Old Man and the Sea" while living in Cuba and his exploits in literature and life are celebrated in monuments across the island. His home outside Havana has become a museum.

But the wax statue is the first of its kind in Cuba.

With serious eyes that look spookily authentic and stare into the distance, the author has a black dress shirt and cigarette. His favorite drink, the daiquiri, is nowhere to be found, however.

Hemingway joins the likes of Benny More and Buena Vista Social Club's Compay Segundo at the museum, which opened in 2004. □



In this film publicity image released by Sony Pictures, from left, Sharlto Copley, Mandla Gaduka and Kenneth Nkosi are shown in a scene from, 'District 9.' The film was nominated Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 for an Oscar for best picture. The 82nd Academy Awards will be presented on March 7.

(AP Photo/Sony Pictures)

# Among expected picks, 'District 9' still surprises

By JAKE COYLE,

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — In an Oscar year defined by inclusion, fewer movie folks than normal spent nominations morning feeling snubbed.

With the field of best picture nominees doubling from five to 10, there were more celebrations Tuesday and still some surprises:

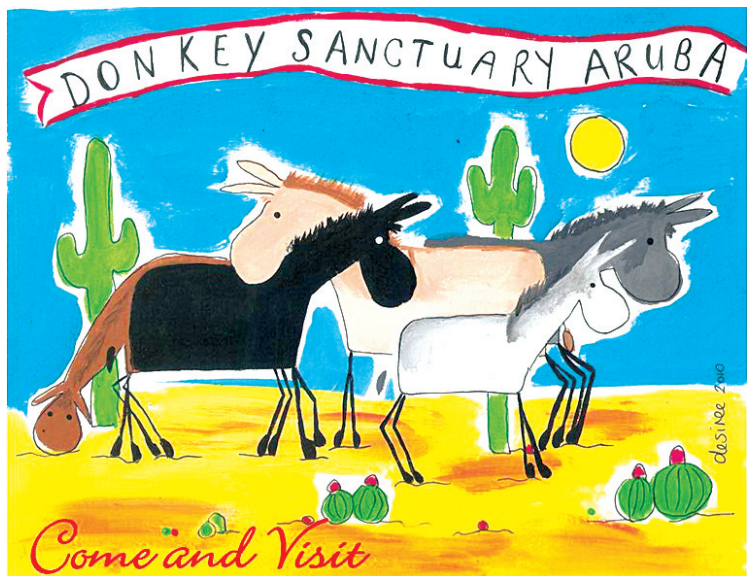
**"DISTRICT 9" INVADES:** Yes, the relatively low-budget South African science-fiction hit was in the Oscar buzz. But no film benefited more from the expansion of best picture nominees, and it's still surprising to hear it announced alongside movies such as "Up in the Air" and "The Hurt Locker." Science-fiction is among the rarest of genres to cross that threshold, with only "Star Wars" and "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" (and now "Avatar") previously getting best picture noms. "District 9" earned four nominations in all, including editing, visual effects and best adapted screenplay.

**COENS RETURN:** Ethan and Joel Coen are back at the Oscars. Their "A Serious Man" earned mostly high praise, but had floated on the edge of predictions through awards season. For a film from heavyweight filmmakers, it has been a distinct underdog. But two years after they took home best picture and best director for "No Country for Old Men," the Coens are again up for best picture and best original screenplay.

**COMEDY LOSES OUT, AGAIN:** The best picture expansion didn't help comedy. Sure, there are comedic qualities to movies such as "Inglourious Basterds," "Up" and "A Serious Man," but out-an-out comedies like "The Hangover," "(500) Days of Summer" and "It's Complicated" all came away empty handed. After a win for best comedy or musical at the Golden Globes, some had thought "The Hangover" — one of the most crowd-pleasing films of the year — would squeak into the top 10. But after the nominees were read, "(500) Days of Summer" didn't even get the best original screenplay nomination that many had predicted. One comedy, a dark one, did earn a surprising nomination for best adapted screenplay: "In the Loop."

**SUPPORTING ACTRESS SWAP:** While Jeff Bridges' performance in "Crazy Heart" has been roundly hailed and is generally viewed as the favorite for best actor, co-star Maggie Gyllenhaal has gone mostly under the radar. Tuesday, she was nominated for best supporting actress — her first Oscar nomination.

**MUSICAL CHAIRS:** A few of the most interesting choices were hidden away in music categories. Wes Anderson's "Fantastic Mr. Fox" was, as expected, nominated for best animated film (a category that included the shocker of "The Secret of Kells"). But Alexandre Desplat's playful original score also earned a nomination. In best song, "Loin de Paname" from the somewhat unheralded French film "Paris 36" was nominated. Another foreign film also sneaked into the best makeup category. The terrifically stylish and underrated "Il Divo" will compete in the three-film field with "Star Trek" and "The Young Victoria." □





# BUSINESS

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A Chevrolet bowtie logo is shown on the grill of a Chevrolet HHR in Clinton Township, Mich., Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. General Motors Co. says its January sales rose 14 percent due to higher fleet and crossover vehicle sales.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

## GM Jan. sales rise 14 pct; Toyota sales drop

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
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DETROIT – Toyota's car sales fell 16 percent in January, a month they recalled millions of vehicles and halted sales of several models. Most other automakers reported higher sales, a sign they may be benefiting from Toyota's woes.

January is typically a weak month for U.S. auto sales, but automakers were expecting sales to improve over last January, when they dipped to a 26-year low because of the tough economy. Sales never really recovered last year, totaling 10.4 million cars and light trucks, the lowest since 1982.

General Motors Co. said its January sales rose 14 percent due to higher fleet and crossover vehicle sales. Crossovers are SUV-like in size but sit on a car instead of a truck frame.

Crosstown rival Ford Motor Co., meanwhile, was up 25 percent while Japan's Nissan Motor Co.'s rose 16 percent.

Chrysler was down 8 percent while Honda Motor Co. sales fell 5 percent. Korean automaker Kia said its January U.S. sales were essentially flat.

George Pipas, Ford's top sales analyst, said he did not see evidence that Ford was taking buyers from Toyota Motor Corp., which halted U.S. sales of eight popular models due to faulty gas pedals in the final week of the month.

Ken Czuby, Ford's vice president of sales, said Toyota's actions may have hurt sales for the industry as a whole toward the end of last month.

Toyota said it would suspend sales of the Camry sedan, its top-selling vehicle, and seven other cars and trucks on Jan. 26 following a recall over sticky accelerator pedals. Toyota has said dealers will get the parts to fix the problem by the end of this week.

In the meantime, Toyota could lose thousands of sales in January and February. The car-buying site Edmunds.com predicted Toyota's U.S. market share would drop to 14.7 percent in January, its lowest level since March 2006. The recall affects 2.3 million cars and trucks in the U.S. □

## Stocks gain as pending home sales edge higher

By STEPHEN BERNARD  
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NEW YORK – Better news from the housing industry sent stocks higher Tuesday, including an increase in the number of people with contracts to buy homes.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 100 points as optimism grew about an economic recovery.

The National Association of Realtors, a trade group, said its index of sale contracts rose 1 percent in December. It was the ninth improvement over the past 10 months as buyers scrambled to take advantage of a first-time homebuyer tax credit before it was set to expire last November.

"It's a slow, sustainable growth," said Daniel Penrod, senior industry analyst for the California Credit Union League. "Most people would prefer a quick rebound but that's not likely to happen."

The home sales report was the latest bit of encouraging news on the economy. Stocks rose on Monday after a surprisingly strong reading on the manufacturing sector, and on Friday the government reported that the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 5.7 percent in the final three months of 2009, a faster pace than expected.

Homebuilder stocks rose sharply after D.R. Horton Inc. posted its first profit since 2007 during its fiscal first quarter. Much of its \$192 million profit during the October-December period came from a tax gain, but its revenue rose because of a 36 percent jump in home sales. Orders increased 45 percent.

The reports brought a positive tone to the market, which stumbled in late January as concerns arose that the recovery might be stalling and that the market's 10-month advance was running out of gas. The Standard & Poor's



FILE - In this Feb. 1, 2010 file photo, trader Stephen Mara, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Better news from the housing industry sent stocks higher Tuesday, Feb. 2, including an increase in the number of people in contracts to buy homes.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

500 index fell 3.7 percent in January, its worst month since hitting a 12-year low nearly a year ago.

In midafternoon trading, the Dow rose 100.36, or 1 percent, to 10,285.89. The S&P 500 index rose 10.85, or 1 percent, to 1,100.03, while Nasdaq composite index advanced 11.49, or 0.5 percent, to 2,182.69.

Bond prices inched higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, dipped to 3.65 percent from 3.66 percent late Monday.

Investors are turning their attention to a series of economic reports this week to see if the growth of late last year has a good chance of continuing. The most important indicator will come on Friday when the Labor Department releases its January employment report.

Confidence also grew after Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner told the Senate Finance Committee that the economy is in better shape than a year ago but that the government still needs to take steps to bring down unemployment, which stands at 10 percent.

The market's two-day climb is helping stocks recover from its mid-January slide.

Neil Massa, senior trader at MFC Global Investment

Management, said gains have come as trading volume remains light, a signal that there is only modest conviction behind the latest advance.

"I'm just hesitant to think we've turned a corner," he said. Massa expects the market will trade in a tight range as Friday's jobs report approaches.

Among home builders, D.R. Horton jumped \$1.31 cents, or 11 percent, to \$13.22 after posting a profit for the first time since 2007. Toll Brothers Inc. rose \$1.01, or 5.4 percent, to \$19.63, while Pulte Homes Inc. rose 73 cents, or 6.9 percent, to \$11.29.

Ann Taylor Stores Corp. rose \$2.38, or 17.8 percent, to \$15.77 after saying its fourth-quarter earnings would top expectations on stronger sales and profit margins.

Lexmark International Inc. said lower costs helped increase its fourth-quarter earnings. The printer and copier maker rose \$2.90, or 10.8 percent, to \$29.70.

Crude oil rose \$2.37 to \$76.80 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gold rose. Three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 650 million shares compared with 577.4 million shares traded at the same point Monday. □



# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

# Bode Miller to race all five Olympics events

By ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

Get ready for a full dose of Bode Miller.

U.S. Ski Team men's coach Sasha Rearick said Tuesday that Miller plans to race all five Alpine events at the Vancouver Olympics. Miller's first event will be the downhill on Feb. 13, and he'll also compete in the super-combi, super-G, giant slalom and slalom.

A five-event schedule was not a given because Miller skipped summer training while he debated retirement and is still not in top shape after injuring his ankle during a team volleyball game in December. But Rearick said the biggest challenge for Miller would be getting his equipment dialed in, not his fitness.



**Bode Miller of the United States speeds down the course during an alpine ski, Men's World Cup Downhill race, in Kitzbuehel, Austria, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

sitting out.

Remember, at the Olympics the only thing that counts is winning a medal — there are no World Cup points to be had — and Miller is capable of finishing in the top three if he puts together two solid runs. Rearick said Miller will get the giant slalom start based on his career record, which includes a silver medal at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, gold at the 2003 world championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland, the 2004 World Cup title and nine World Cup race victories.

Miller has not won a giant slalom since a December 2005 race in Beaver Creek, Colo. His last podium finish in the discipline was a third-place result at Lenzerheide, Switzerland, in March 2007.

In the two giant slalom races he entered this season, Miller failed to finish his opening run in Beaver Creek and was disqualified in Alta Badia, Italy.

Rearick pointed out Miller's seventh-place result in the Olympic giant slalom test event in Whistler two years ago.

"He's got the experience," Rearick said. "He had a good race even though he wasn't in form in Vancouver the last time there."

Miller has gone three consecutive major championships without a medal, beginning with the 2006 Turin Games, where he made more headlines for his late-night partying than skiing. After a slow start this season, Miller showed his potential again last month by winning a super-combi in Wengen, Switzerland.

"The only thing I'm expecting of Bode is to put down an inspiring run every single race. That's what I want to see him do," Rearick said. "Go out and put down the type of skiing that he's done all of his career and that has been inspiring to both himself, the fans and the coaching staff. That's what I'm looking for, and I expect that." □

## Athletes tackle 86 flights at NY Empire Run-Up

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Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It took Germany's Thomas Dold 10 minutes and 16 seconds Tuesday to earn his record-tying fifth consecutive win in the Empire State Building Run-Up, a punishing 86-flight scamper to the top of New York's tallest building.

Grimacing as he lunged across the finish line on the 86th floor observation deck, the 25-year-old from Stuttgart beat fellow German Matthias Jahn up the 1,576 steps by 40 seconds.

"I'm so tired ... It was quite hard," Dold said. He is the third person to win the race five times. His only loss was a photo finish in his 2005 debut.

Melissa Moon, 40, of Wellington, New Zealand, placed first among the women in 13 minutes, 13 seconds. She finished panting, but smiling.

"Oh, look at that view!" she said at the top.

It was her first win in the event. Moon said the key to victory in stair climbing is "your ability to tolerate pain."

The unorthodox race has been run 33 times since 1978. Competitors start in the lobby, where they take just a few strides before squeezing through a doorway and into a stairwell for the long climb.

Passing can be difficult. The stairs are only wide enough for two people. Contestants also have to deal with an ear-popping altitude change of 1,050 feet (320 meters).

Kacie Fischer, 24, of Pismo Beach, California,



**Thomas Dold, from Stuttgart, Germany, falls to his knees at the finish line after winning his 5th consecutive Empire State Building Run-up in a time of 10:16, in New York, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

reached the top, in 20th place among the women, collapsed in a heap and had to be carried inside. "I blacked out," she said later. "I just got so dizzy, going around and around and around on the stairs. My legs gave out at floor 50, and then I ran another 36 floors." Some 162 men and 76 women entered this year. The event draws stair-climbing specialists from around the globe. □

"I'm not so worried from the point of view of conditioning as much as I am that he hasn't had much time skiing, and the setups are still a challenge," Rearick told The Associated Press by phone from Park City, Utah, where the Americans are holding their pre-Olympic camp.

"That's going to be the biggest challenge — getting all those things set up. Right now in downhill he's going pretty good, and he knows what he's going on; slalom is getting close.

But in super-G and GS we've got a lot of work to do. He's had no super-G training and no GS training, so that's going to be important these next days here."

There were questions over whether Miller would race the giant slalom because he has not scored a single point in the discipline on the World Cup circuit this season, whereas four other Americans have — Ted Ligety, Tommy Ford, Jake Zamansky and Tim Jitloff.

The U.S. squad gets four starting spots in each event. Ligety leads the World Cup GS standings and will be among the race favorites, meaning Ford, Zamansky or Jitloff risk



# Injured Freeney still hopes to play in Super Bowl

MIAMI – Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney still hopes to play in the Super Bowl despite a torn ligament in his right ankle.

“Hopefully, towards the end of the week it starts to get better,” Freeney said at Tuesday’s media day. “The decision will come later on in the week. It’s kind of early now.”

An All-Pro player, Freeney wore a pair of flip-flops to the morning session. His injured ankle was unwrapped. “Very discouraging” was how he described his inability to practice for Sunday’s NFL title game against the New

Orleans Saints.

“The competitor in me says they’ll never stop me from being on the field,” he said with a laugh before adding:

“There’s some pain there definitely, with throwing everything at it, all types of techniques, to find the best thing to get this thing as good as possible. You name it, I’ve probably done it.”

Freeney injured the ankle in the AFC championship game against the New York Jets and said the chances of working out later this week weren’t good.

He’s the only starter on either team who might miss the game because of injury.

Freeney said he’s enlisted the help of chiropractors, slept in an oxygen chamber, used ice, regular therapy and anything else team doctors prescribed, to try to get the ankle to heal.

Despite everything, his teammates still believe Freeney will be on the field Sunday.

Defensive lineman Raheem Brock, who would replace Freeney in the lineup, took it a step further.

“I think he’ll be back and playing third downs. And I think he’ll be effective, until I see something different,” Brock said.

Freeney, the former league sacks champ, led the Colts with 13 sacks and is considered the team’s defensive leader. □



In this Dec. 13, 2009, photo, Indianapolis Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney gestures during an NFL football game between the Colts and the Denver Broncos in Indianapolis. Coach Jim Caldwell says the Colts are preparing to play without Freeney in the Super Bowl, though he remains hopeful the All-Pro defensive end will suit up for the game.

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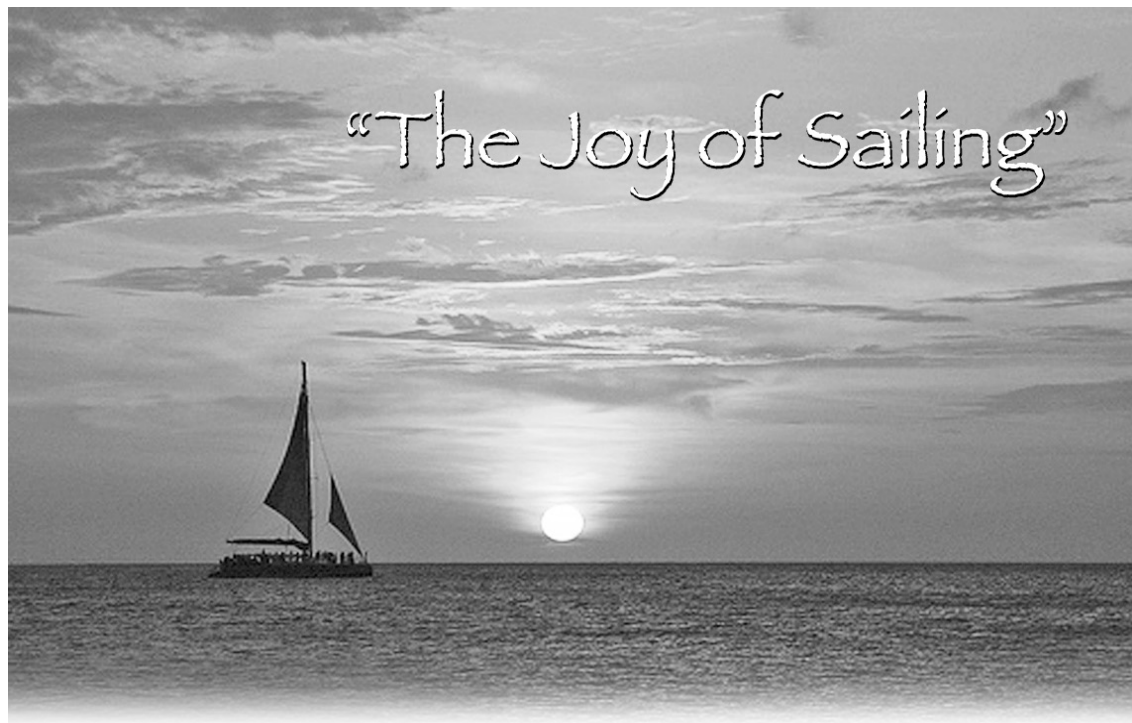
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## Team leaders



Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett shoots over Washington Wizards forward Antawn Jamison in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Washington Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. The Celtics won 99-88, and Los Angeles Lakers Kobe Bryant reacts after making a three pointer against Memphis Grizzlies to become the Lakers all-time points leader during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Memphis, Tenn., Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. Memphis won 95-93

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## NBA Roundup.

# Bryant gets Lakers' mark, but Grizzlies get victory

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Kobe Bryant had 44 points to pass Jerry West for the top spot on the Lakers' career scoring list in Los Angeles' 95-93 loss to the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday. Rudy Gay led Memphis with 25 points, including a key 3-pointer with 29.5 seconds left and Zach Randolph got 22 points and 17 rebounds. Ron Artest's 3-point attempt from the right side bounced high off the rim as the horn sounded, ending the Lakers' four-game winning streak.

Bryant passed West's mark on a breakaway dunk in the third quarter. Bryant made 16 of 28 shots, including 4 of 7 outside the arc. Artest added 18 points, and Pau Gasol had 10 points. Lester Hudson had 13 points for Memphis, and Marc Gasol finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

**Jazz 104, Mavericks 92**

At Salt Lake City, Deron

Williams had 18 points and 15 assists to help Utah extend its longest winning streak of the season to six games.

The Jazz held Dallas scoreless for more than three minutes during an 11-2 run that put Utah in control in the fourth quarter.

Paul Millsap had 25 points for the Jazz, who had seven offensive rebounds in the final quarter while outscoring the Mavs 27-16 to clinch the three-game season series. Andrei Kirilenko added 13 points.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 28 points, but had just two in the fourth. The Mavericks have lost three straight for the first time this season and their lead over Utah for third place in the Western Conference is down to a half-game.

Jason Terry had 19 points and eight assists and Jason Kidd added 11 points and nine assists for Dallas.

Nuggets 112, Kings 109, OT  
At Denver, Arron Afflalo hit a baseline jump shot with 18.4 seconds left in overtime as Denver rallied from a 17-point deficit in the third quarter to beat Sacramento.

Kenyon Martin had 24 points and 12 rebounds and Chauncey Billups had 23 points for the Nuggets.

The Nuggets, playing a fifth straight game without All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony (ankle), also got 15 points from Ty Lawson and 14 points from Nene. Afflalo had six of his 12 points in the extra period.

Spencer Hawes had 23 points and Kevin Martin had 22 for Sacramento, which lost for the third time in four OT games. The Kings lost their 10th road game in a row.

**Suns 109, Hornets 100**

At New Orleans, Amare Stoudemire scored 25 points and Grant Hill hit two late key baskets to help Phoenix get the win.

The Hornets played their second straight game without All-Star Chris Paul, who is out indefinitely with a left knee injury that coach Jeff Bower said could require surgery.

Channing Frye added 20 points for Phoenix. Robin Lopez had 18 points and Steve Nash finished with 18 points and 12 assists.

Marcus Thornton led New Orleans with 25 points. Darren Collison, Paul's replacement at point guard, had 16 points and 14 assists.

At Miami, Andrew Bogut had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Carlos Delfino finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds as Milwaukee beat Miami for the second time in three nights.

In other NHL games it was, Boston 99, Washington 88; Milwaukee 97, Miami 81; Memphis 95, L.A. Lakers 93; Phoenix 109, New Orleans 100; Denver 112, Sacramento 109, OT; Utah 104, Dallas 92; and Portland 98, Charlotte 79. □

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# Martina Hingis to play WTT; rules out full return

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Martina Hingis can't help but contemplate yet another comeback when she sees the success Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin are having after being away from tennis.

"There's a spark," Hingis said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

But she also said she would rule out the possibility of a return to the tour "at this point," primarily because of all the travel.

"If it was played in the backyard," Hingis said from her home in Switzerland, "then I'd probably think about it twice."

The five-time Grand Slam singles champion and youngest woman to be ranked No. 1 retired for the second time in 2007, when she was given a two-year suspension for testing positive for cocaine.

That ban ended Sept. 30, and the 29-year-old Hingis was eager to get the chance to play more tennis this year: She has committed to a full season of World TeamTennis, the mixed team league founded by Billie Jean King and heading into its 35th season.

Hingis will be picked by a team on Feb. 11. Other top names in the draft include the Williams sisters, John McEnroe and Maria Sharapova, although they're going to be playing only one to five matches, while Hingis is slated for all 14 in the regular season.

In 2005, Hingis used World TeamTennis to help prepare for her first comeback. Clijsters also played in the WTT last year as a way to warm up before getting back on tour after more than two years away while getting married and having a baby.

For Clijsters, that return was as successful as could be: She won the 2009 U.S. Open, the very first Grand Slam tournament — and only third event overall — of her return. That helped prompt another Belgian, Henin, to come back, too, and she managed to reach last weekend's Australian Open final at her first Grand Slam tournament in two years.

"It's great to see them dig deep and come back that well. I don't know if I could handle it," Hingis said.

She watched more of this Australian Open than she has in years.

"Of course it makes you think. Tennis was all my life, and the most natural thing is that it makes you think. It would be sad if it didn't make me think, don't you think?" Hingis said. "Tennis is still my life. Well, part of it," she continued. "But my life is very comfortable, on the other hand. Tennis gave me a lot of things and sometimes you have to put things behind. It's a lot of sacrifice, as well. I wouldn't want to risk it anymore."

She originally quit tennis in 2002 because of foot and leg injuries. When she rejoined

the circuit full time in 2006, she reached two Grand Slam quarterfinals, won two smaller tournaments and made it to No. 6 in the rankings.

"It has been a while since I have seen her play, but Martina did ask me a few years ago if I thought she still had what it took to win on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour today. I think she still knows what it takes to win and is committed to the task at hand," said King, who won 12 Grand Slam singles titles. "With her talent and a renewed commitment, she could do very well. She may not be as powerful as some players, but she knows how to make the most of any point."

At the height of her powers, Hingis was brilliant at controlling exchanges

and working every angle. Nicknamed "The Swiss Miss," she became the youngest major champion of the 20th century when she won the 1997 Australian Open at 16, and later that year she moved up to No. 1 in the rankings. She went on to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open that season, too, coming within a loss in the French Open final of a calendar-year Grand Slam.

"What I miss is probably ... the winning moments — when you hold up the trophy and you know you are the best in the world and you end up winning Grand Slams. That is probably the moment an athlete is most happy," Hingis said.

"You miss that, but you know that getting to that point takes a lot of years, a lot of hard work, a lot of practice. It



In this Aug. 28, 2007, file photo, Martina Hingis of Switzerland returns a volley to Mathilde Johansson of France at the US Open tennis tournament in New York.

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doesn't come from heaven," she added. "You never forget how much work, how much pain, you go through to get there." □



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# Golf in the news for the wrong reasons

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

This is not the kind of publicity the U.S. PGA Tour had in mind.

Golf's two best players are linked by accusations of cheating — one because he has a wife, the other because he has a wedge.

Oh, for happier times.

It was only four months ago when Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson posed on the 18th green at the Tour Championship in Atlanta with commissioner Tim Finchem, both holding a trophy, smiles filling the frame. Woods had won the FedEx Cup for the second time, while Mickelson's victory seemed to signal a renewed rivalry between the game's brightest stars.

These days, handshakes have been replaced by hand-wringing.

The biggest blow remains the absence of Woods, missing since his middle-of-the-night car accident Nov. 27 that fueled sordid tales of extramarital affairs. Even though it has been nearly two months since he announced his indefinite break, the laughs kept coming when a San Diego strip club flew a banner over Torrey Pines that read, "We miss you too, Tiger."

One day later, the news shifted to a banner quote in The San Francisco Chronicle.

Scott McCarron is not the only player upset about a 20-year-old legal loophole that allows players to use Ping Eye2 wedges with grooves that no longer conform to the rules. He's just the only player to use the word "cheating."

"It's cheating, and I'm



**In this Aug. 15, 2009 photo, Scott McCarron reacts to his putt on the eighth green during the third round of the 91st PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. McCarron is not backing away from his accusation that Phil Mickelson and other players are cheating if they use the Ping-Eye 2 wedges with square grooves. McCarron issued a statement Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, in which he wanted to clarify that while he believes "it's cheating" for Mickelson and anyone else to use the Ping wedges, "I never called Phil Mickelson a cheater."**

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appalled Phil has put it in play," McCarron told the newspaper.

Mickelson is happy to be a lightning rod on this topic because he doesn't like the U.S. Golf Association's new rule on grooves and is miffed that Finchem never takes his ideas seriously. This is a chance to make both of them squirm. In the meantime, he would have expected, even welcomed, healthy debate with his peers on the Ping wedges.

But cheating?

That's hitting below his white belt.

It's like the ferry scene in the movie "Jaws," when Mayor Vaughn is trying to talk Chief Brody out of closing the beaches. "You yell,

'Barracuda' and everybody says, 'Huh? What?' You yell, 'Shark' and we've got a panic on our hands on the Fourth of July."

Mickelson didn't panic. But it's a safe bet everyone around him did.

The world's No. 2 player said on national television that he was "publicly slandered," an ominous choice of words that suggested lawyers would be involved if the tour didn't handle the situation to his liking.

The question now is which mess is easier to fix.

So far, the only damage Woods has inflicted has been to himself and his family. He has lost endorsement deals with AT&T and Accenture, and his approval ratings have

plunged.

The gloomy forecast for TV ratings cannot be measured unless Woods is gone longer than eight months, which is how much time he missed last year due to knee surgery. Ratings were slightly up at Torrey Pines for consecutive years without him. And remember, Woods has never played one-third of the tournaments on the U.S. PGA Tour schedule. Those events have managed to survive. The tour's biggest concern will be trying to control the gallery when Woods returns, if not protecting the guys with whom Woods is playing. If a strip club will hire a plane at a tournament where Woods is not playing, what happens on the ground when he is playing?

Far more troublesome, though not as sensational, is the issue with wedges.

The Ping Eye 2 wedges, provided they were made before April 1, 1990, are approved for play, even though the depth and volume of the grooves in those wedges are not allowed. Attribute that to a pair of lawsuits Ping settled against the USGA (1990) and the U.S. PGA (1993) over square grooves. The settlements take precedence over any rules change.

What makes this situation awkward is that not everyone has access to them unless they find the wedges on eBay, in garages or used club bins. Padraig Harrington spent the holidays giving away his old clubs to charity — including his Pings — only to find out he could still use them.

First, however, is getting around this name-calling. Asked about his "cheating" quote, McCarron didn't back

off the next day, although he described Mickelson's actions as "bending the rules." That would be akin to "barracuda."

Still, the damage had been done.

Mickelson's camp has been checking the Internet and has lost track of how many times "cheating" and "Mickelson" are found together.

For those who thought McCarron might apologize on Monday, he chose to clarify instead. He said he never called Mickelson a "cheater." He only said that by using the Ping wedge, it was "cheating." Glad to get that cleared up.

The tour can choose to fine or suspend McCarron under its "conduct unbecoming a professional" policy, which prohibits players from making comments to the media that unreasonably attack or disparage other players (among other things).

Then again, the tour has a policy of not disclosing discipline.

Perhaps the most troubling part of Ping chairman John Solheim's statement on Monday is that he told the USGA and U.S. PGA Tour in July 2007 that changing the regulations on grooves could lead to what is happening now — confusion, consternation, accusations.

Finchem was to meet with players Tuesday night at Riviera and speak to the media on Wednesday. The best-case scenario is that McCarron and Mickelson can make peace, and that Finchem can find a solution to the Ping wedges.

Then he can go back to wondering when Woods will return. □



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# H1N1 vaccinations now available from family doctors on Aruba



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Koolman and Dr. Salazar announce  
yesterday that the second campaign  
of mass inoculations offered by the  
Department of Health against the H1N1  
Influenza virus, better known as Swine

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## Dutch Minister Ank Bijleveld-Schouten visits Aruba

# Steering group to meet next week



THE HAGUE--Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom  
Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten is travelling to Curaçao  
next week for a meeting of the Political Steering Group.

The agenda of the meeting, which is being planned for  
Thursday, February 11, is not known yet, but as usual,  
the main topic of the discussion will be the constitutional  
reform process involved in dismantling the Netherlands  
Antilles and creating Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten.

The target date to realise new relations in the Dutch  
Kingdom is October 10, 2010, and the legislation  
trajectory needs to be completed in the Parliaments of the  
Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles before that date.  
Curaçao and St. Maarten have to comply with a number of  
conditions before they can become countries.

Whether the future countries have complied with these  
conditions, which include setting up a properly functioning  
system of law and order, will be assessed at a vetting Round  
Table Conference (RTC) in September 2010. This RTC,  
the third one, will be chaired by Dutch Prime Minister Jan  
Peter Balkenende.

Before travelling to Curaçao for the Political Steering  
Group, Bijleveld-Schouten will go to Aruba for a two-day  
working visit. □



# H1N1 vaccinations now available from family doctors on Aruba



Dr. Wilmer Salazar

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Health officials reminded the public that those with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart conditions and other lung ailments are far more likely to develop complications if they should contract the H1N1 virus, or any other strain of Influenza.

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Location #1: The primary group worked at the Barber Orphanage-Meant to Shine New Teenage Center. This group worked hard to clear brush and used heavy equipment for digging up stumps and relocating large amounts of rock to the back of the lot, filling up one large container at this site.

Location #2: The second group worked at the Meant to Shine Orphanage Proper. The U.S. military service men and women spent time clearing

brush and weeds.

Location #3: The last group went to Siloam Orphanage-Hospice, cleaned up the garden where the children play and cut back trees that were becoming dangerous for the children to play around.

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## St. Maarten to stand ground at Steering Group Meeting

PHILIPSBURG--Financing for the taking over of Central Government tasks in St. Maarten and the staffing of the new departments in preparation for Country St. Maarten continue to be major concerns for St. Maarten as it prepares for the Kingdom Political Steering Group (PSG) meeting in Curacao scheduled for Thursday, February 11.

St. Maarten is expected to table these concerns during the talks that will bring together representatives of the Central, Curacao, St. Maarten and Dutch governments.

The St. Maarten delegation will travel to Curacao on February 9 and hold bilateral talks with Dutch State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-

Schouten on February 10, a day ahead of the PSG talks.

Leader of Government and Constitutional Affairs Commissioner William Marlin said on Monday that he was hoping to get clarity on Dutch assistance for St. Maarten for this process during the bilateral talks with Bijleveld-Schouten.

In remarks at a meeting between heads of departments in St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius that fall under the Justice Ministry and the special unit tasked with the dismantling of the Justice Ministry, Marlin reiterated St. Maarten's concerns about the lack of financing for the taking over of Central Government tasks here and for the staffing for these yet-to-be-developed

entities.

"I cannot emphasise enough that one of the challenges that St. Maarten faces in this process is different from Bonaire, Saba, Statia and Curacao," he said.

He said that while this discussion always seemed to "step on toes," it was simply "a reality check."

He stressed that only one part of the Country Netherlands Antilles had been developed over the years – Curacao – and this posed challenges for St. Maarten which now has to accept tasks and

responsibilities that never had existed here before and for which financing and human capital was not readily available.

"Willemstad is where the government was seated and that's where all the expertise was developed. ... It is not a criticism toward Curacao, it is just the reality. The challenge for St. Maarten is building the institutions to the level where we can independently function as a country," Marlin said.

Several strides were made during the PSG in St. Maarten in December. These include

agreement that the new Police Forces of Curacao, St. Maarten and the BES Islands will each have a special crime fighting unit to tackle organised and cross-border crimes and the units will work together.

That agreement was considered the laying of a "solid foundation" for the new entities that will be created in the Dutch Caribbean. Parties are expected to hammer out the details of how the cooperation will work during next week's consultation. The vetting of the islands is also expected to be discussed. □

## Uncertainty about Bonaire referendum



A referendum about the future of the Dutch Antilles island of Bonaire planned on 26 March may not go ahead.

The lieutenant governor of Bonaire, G A E Thodé has asked the governor of the Dutch Antilles, Frits Goedgedrag, to cancel the referendum.

According to Mr Thodé, the referendum contravenes international law. For instance Dutch nationals who came to the island after 2006 are not allowed to vote.

The referendum has led to a row in Bonaire's council. The United Nations had advised Bonaire only to go ahead with the poll if there was consensus.

Mr Goedgedrag has 30 days to decide whether or not to grant the lieutenant general's exceptional request.

The Dutch Antilles is due to be disbanded on 10 October 2010. Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius will become municipalities of the Netherlands, while islands of Curacao and Sint Maarten will become independent states within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. □

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*Already having TIEAs with Netherlands Antilles and Aruba*

## Bermuda signs TIEA with G7 country Japan

Finance Minister Paula Cox, on behalf of Bermuda, signed a bilateral agreement with Japan this morning. The agreement provides for a full exchange of information on criminal and civil tax matters between the two countries. The signing of the tax information exchange agreement (TIEA) took place at a ceremony today at the Japanese Embassy in London. It was attended by Ms Cox and Sumio Kusaka, Charges d'affaires ad interim, who signed the agreement for Japan.

Among the benefits accrued for Bermuda within the TIEA is a clause for Prohibition of Prejudicial or Restrictive Measures and a mini Double Taxation Agreement which provides benefits for students and pensioners. Following the signing, Minister Cox commented on the diligent efforts of Bermuda, saying, "I am delighted today to sign the tax information exchange agreement with Japan, and particularly pleased to note that Bermuda is Japan's first TIEA partner. Negotiations with Japan were concluded in Bermuda in June 2009. "As the first country with which Japan negotiated with, the Japanese delegation stated at that time that Japan intended to use the product of its negotiations with Bermuda as a model for all future negotiations with other financial centres for TIEAs. This was a tremendous compliment for Bermuda, which is looked to as a most respected and advanced financial jurisdiction with which a country can base its work.

"Already approximately 20-25% of Japanese Property Cat business is placed in Bermuda, as well as 5% of Property Pro-Rata business. With over 100 companies in Bermuda with Japanese interests, we see this agreement as enhancing opportunities for further foreign direct investment between our two countries and a great step forward in cementing the relationship between Bermuda and Japan. "Moreover, this TIEA marks Bermuda's nineteenth signed tax information exchange agreement, further demonstrating

that Bermuda is not complacent about our esteemed position on the OECD white list, nor about implementing the internationally agreed tax standard."

Ms Cox continued: "Bermuda currently works alongside Japan as members of the OECD Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes in our respective roles as Vice-Chair of the Steering Group and Vice-Chair of the Peer Review Group.

It will be our immense pleasure to welcome the Japanese delegation to Bermuda for the 2011 Global Forum."

David Ezekiel, chairman of the Association of Bermuda International Companies, praised Bermuda's achievement.

He said: "The signing of this TIEA with Japan after months of work and negotiation, coming on the heels of Bermuda being selected to host the 2011 OECD Global Forum, is another major step forward for Bermuda.

"Japan has a major involvement in the Bermuda market by way of ownership in the International Business sector and in trading with Bermuda-based companies. The treaty contains many useful benefits not only for the business sector but for individuals, including students who might be travelling to Japan for studies."

Bradley Kading, president and executive director of the Association of Bermuda Insurers and Reinsurers, said: "This TIEA is particularly noteworthy as Japan is the world's second largest economy and Japanese insurers have been active participants in the Bermuda market for years. Japan has a natural interest in the hurricane and earthquake reinsurance provided by many Bermuda companies." Bermuda now has TIEAs with the following members of the G7: Japan, France, Germany, the U.K. and the U.S.

In addition, Bermuda has TIEAs with Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the Nordic Group (including Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden and their associated territories the

Faroe Islands and Greenland), Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, and Mexico. Negotiations have been concluded with, among others: Canada, Spain, Belgium and Portugal, with these agreements anticipated to be signed in 2010. Bermuda's TIEA and Protocol with Japan includes all standard means to ensure due process is followed in tax information requests to Bermuda, including, for example, provisions to protect the confidentiality of information



**Minister Cox and Japan's Sumio Kusaka**

provided, as well as adhering to public policy, provisions related to protecting legal privilege, and anti-fishing provisions to ensure

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## Fountain of Mental Youth

The true potential of the Human brain has just begun to be considered. Our brain is a tool our spirits use to generate the hologram we call life, so it is important that we keep it as healthy as possible. Modern Brain Science has just begun to discover new ways for us to stimulate the brain throughout our lives, possibly causing it to remain young and healthy.

Brain Science has discovered that the brain is plastic, malleable, and

is shaped by our thoughts, actions and experiences. It gets used to what it is familiar with, supporting both good and bad habits.

For any task, thought or experience, neurons fire in a pattern.

Thoughts, actions and experiences create specific neural patterns in the brain. With conscious practice, the pattern becomes more refined, and we get better at something, or we understand something more clearly. After a while, the

neural patterns become familiar and a task becomes second nature. We don't have to think about what we're doing, it just comes naturally, the neural patterns are well ingrained.

This is also true of our thought and emotional patterns, which become ingrained at an early age, setting the emotional foundation for the rest of our lives.

Which leads us to the possible Fountain of Mental Youth.

Brain Science has found that the act of learning actually keeps our brains young. As children, we are always learning things, practicing, improving. After we settle into a career, family, daily routine, we stop learning. We become comfortable with what we know, and new neural patterns are not formed. Modern Brain Science says that if we continue to

learn throughout our lives, our brains will always be challenged by creating new neural patterns, and they will stay healthy for an eternity.

If we aren't challenged on a daily basis, we don't grow, our minds and lives become stagnant.

Learning is the purpose of life. In a very real sense, when we stop learning, we die. Brain Science says that learning creates a healthy brain, which in turn expresses a confident, capable, vibrant, eager, intelligent person.

The brain needs to be cared for and exercised for the long-term, just like the body. Healthy food and physical exercise are also very important for a healthy brain, but those are topics for another day.

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# On the eve of the restaurant's 10th anniversary

## Celebrating perfection at the Amazonia Churrascaria

Palm Beach – The crew at Amazonia Churrascaria is gearing up for the restaurant's 10th anniversary. Almost one decade ago, the authentic Brazilian concept of Rodigio Steakhouse offering continuous dining caught literal fire as a troop of waiters armed with mega skewers started roaming the colorful and friendly new indoor & outdoor dining room of Amazonia Churrascaria, introducing the fresh and novel style of dining to enthusiastic locals and visitors.

It was an instant success and Amazonia Churrascaria became a household name, a favorite place for family gatherings, celebrations or just great food. The restaurant gauchos continuously offer choice cuts of grilled beef, chicken, lamb, pork & sausage, seasoned to perfection and slow roasted over open flame.

The meat selections are accompanied by an extravagant forty-item, frequently changing seasonal salad bar where you can keep sampling until your beg for mercy, all for an inclusive price, excluding dessert and beverages.

On the dessert list the restaurant boasts homemade Crème Brûlée, Flan, Brazilian Cheese Cake, Chocolate Mousse Cake,

Apple Pie, and Papaya Cream. The restaurant features an extensive award winning Wine Spectator wine list, a well stocked bar and a terrific selection of Cuban cigars.

Managed by Hubert Solagnier with over thirty years of international Food & Beverage experience, the restaurant is the 'baby' of local entrepreneurs and investors Rene Kan and Milton Berlinski.

With over 40 frequently-changing salads on the salad bar, 14 types of grilled meats

and a team of waiters who are entertainers as well as carvers and an international staff, Hubert is proud of his fantastic crew, and the tastiest food in town, as well as potent Caipirinhas served in one of the most beautifully decorated dining rooms on the island.



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### *Fine & Affordable Dining at Pam Pam Restaurant*

## Meet Chef Ludwigh Samson and his exquisite menu now unveiled!



Nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Boegoeroei, Perle d'Or apartment complex houses Dutch students and vacationers, as well as a cozy garden eatery, Pam Pam Restaurant & Bar. Aiming to attract a more diverse clientele, Pam Pam has recently adopted a more upscale dining concept. In order to pilot this new concept, rising local chef Ludwigh Samson was brought on board, and in just two months on the job, he has

more than proven his worth.

Laid-back, refreshingly young, and ambitious, Ludwigh began his career as a chef by enrolling in Aruba's hospitality and culinary arts school—the best decision he has ever made, he wholeheartedly claims. With ten years in the kitchen and three years as a chef, Ludwigh has developed an impressive arsenal of cooking skills. He attributes the majority of his growth as a chef to his years

of working under his mentor, Vittorio Muscarlello, owner of Hostaria Da'Vittorio and one of the most highly respected chefs on Aruba.

In his two months with Pam Pam, Ludwigh has entirely remodeled the kitchen to make it more efficient. He has also created a whole new menu featuring particularly unique dishes in order to distinguish Pam Pam from the endless number of restaurants along Aruba's hotel strip. While the menu still offers Dutch snacks and typical Dutch platters like sate to appease the many Dutch interns residing at Perle d'Or, the rest of the menu offers upscale fusion cuisine. Lemon grass and chillies give several seafood dishes a Thai flair; homemade ravioli and beef carpaccio salute Italy; crustacean ceviche adds a Peruvian element; and Indonesian spices add zest to a handful of casual main dishes.

Ludwigh also craftily adds little unexpected twists to some classic dishes, elevating the uniqueness of his menu. One of his personal favorites is his porcini-crusted filet mignon served with a thyme red-wine reduction. He also delights in the fact that most diners have a hard time figuring out the sweet and spicy deliciousness of his signature crustacean platter. Other interesting interpretations include lump-crab lollipops, chicken cordon blue unorthodoxly stuffed with ricotta and bacon, and for dessert, tiramisu that promises an untraditional layer of decadent Bailey's chocolate mousse.

Needless to say, Ludwigh is creative in the kitchen and works extremely hard, currently putting in 12 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week; but he insists that this is not what makes a good chef good. “I simply love what



I do for a living,” confides Ludwigh, and this is what guarantees success in the kitchen and contented diners. Of course, being a chef can be downright stressful, but Ludwigh thrives on the rush of adrenaline on busy nights. And when he peers out of the kitchen and sees a restaurant full of people enjoying their meals, he experiences immense satisfaction. For reservations call: 5877710 or 7483848, or visit us at [www.pampamaruba.com](http://www.pampamaruba.com). □



*Celebrating love with marriage*

# Danielle & Justin exchange vows & rings



EAGLE BEACH - Danielle Lackey & Justin Crane celebrated their love for one another with the exchange of wedding rings symbolizing a circle with no ending and vows of love for one another for ever and ever. The celebration was officiated by Rev. Robert Gibson

and coordinated by Indira Maduro of Aruba Fairy Tales on the beach for an intimate ceremony with family and friends. After the exchange of rings, vows and lots of first kisses, Danielle and Justin continued with a fabulous cocktail party, white glove dinner and

dancing at Ventana's del Mar in the Tiera del Sol Country Club.

Danielle and Justin have vacationed many times before on Aruba and plan to continue to vacation in their favorite destination Aruba for many years to come. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Justin and Danielle Crane from Aruba Fairy Tales and Aruba Today. ☐

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~





## Live Music & Entertainment tonight at Casa Tua Barcelona



ORANJESTAD - As of this week our Flamenco Show will be extended with the performance of Kavey Yarzagaray. This Flamenco guitar player will perform together with Angela Croes on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Enjoy your Paella and Sangria together with this fantastic live show! The downtown atmosphere is cool and relaxed with its in- and outside seating.

The highlight at Casa Tua Barcelona is also the new lunch specials every weekday from Monday till Friday! **A \$9.95 lunch special; Beef tenderloin with a red wine sauce or choose the Grouper Fillet for \$11.95. Both dishes include a soft drink. Fresh Fish lovers can treat the palate to the Whole Red**



**Snapper, served with Rice and a salad for \$19.95. For entertainment, Casa Tua Barcelona offers rhythms of salsa & bolero & Cha Cha Cha performed by a live band every Saturday Nights! El Latin Son will perform tonight!!**

All days of the week we serve Cold and Hot tapas as appetizers or the delicious Iberian Ham Pata Negra which we import directly from Andalucía. As your main course you could choose our Paella, traditionally prepared on the spot by our chef! Combine this Spanish dish with our home-made sangria to complete your dinner.

Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu. If you're into something different we suggest tasting the Espresso Martini Cocktail as dessert, you won't be disappointed.

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Including Aruba

# Holland America Line Brings on the Heat With Warm Water Cruises for Fall 2010 Through Spring 2011



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Nieuw Amsterdam, ms Eurodam, ms Ryndam and ms Westerdam offer six- and seven-day western, eastern or southern itineraries while the ms Noordam, ms Zuiderdam, ms Maasdam and ms Prinsendam feature 10- to 25-day explorations of the southern and eastern Caribbean.

All cruises sail roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale or Tampa from October 2010 through April 2011 with 14 holiday cruises in late December. Many departures are designed so guests can combine different seven-day Caribbean sailings to offer a more in-depth 14-day exploration. They also can combine two 10-day Noordam Southern Caribbean sailings to create a truly memorable 20-day Collector's Cruise. Maasdam offers 21-, 24- and 25-day Collectors' Cruises.

Holland America's 10-day cruises to the southern Caribbean feature three itinerary options. Wayfarer itineraries highlight the islands of St. Maarten, St. Lucia, Barbados and Martinique while Seafarer cruises showcase the Turks & Caicos Islands, Dominican Republic, Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba.

Nineteen Sunfarer itineraries combine some of these enticing destinations with Panama Canal cruising. Aboard Maasdam, guests enjoy unique 10-day eastern and 11- and 14-day southern Caribbean itineraries roundtrip Fort Lauderdale. The eastern itinerary visits San Juan, Puerto Rico; Gustavia, St. Barts; Rosseau, Dominica; St. John's, Antigua; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and Half Moon Cay. Both southern routes call at islands that can feature Half Moon Cay, St. Croix, St. Kitts, St. Vincent, St. Barts, Martinique, and St. Maarten en route to Barbados. The 14-day option will also sail to the ABC islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. Popular six- and seven-day cruises explore the eastern, western and southern Caribbean, some including Central American ports. Itineraries may include the Turks and Caicos Islands; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Grand Cayman; Willemstad, Curacao; Oranjestad, Aruba; Falmouth, Jamaica; Belize City, Belize; Roatan, Honduras; and Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico. Most Caribbean itineraries call at Holland America Line's award-winning private island, Half Moon Cay, which

continues to be the line's highest-rated Caribbean port of call. Here guests can enjoy activities such as the guided AquaTrax watercraft tour, stingray adventure, and a horseback riding and swimming excursion.

Transit a Historic Engineering Feat on Panama Canal Cruises Holland America Line features 25 full-transit cruises through the canal from fall 2010 through spring 2011. Six ships — Statendam, Westerdam, Maasdam, Zuiderdam, Ryndam, ms Rotterdam and ms Amsterdam — offer itineraries ranging from 14 to 30 days. Cruises depart Fort Lauderdale, Tampa, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The 14-day Panama Canal Adventurer and Explorer itineraries feature ports in the Mexican Riviera, Central America and Caribbean that may include Fuerte Amador (Panama City); Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, Puerto Chiapas, Acapulco and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica; Cartagena, Colombia; and Oranjestad, Aruba. Longer cruises may add Grand

Cayman; Corinto, Nicaragua; Santa Marta, Colombia; and the San Blas Islands of Panama. Guests may also combine east and westbound crossings for an all-inclusive 28-day Collector's voyage, featuring in-depth exploration of the Panama Canal and surrounding regions with two complete transits.

For an extensive exploration, the Apr. 17 Rotterdam transit includes several ports in South America en route to a two-night stay in Callao, the gateway to Lima, Peru. The 30-day cruise, roundtrip from Ft. Lauderdale, also visits both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of Central America.

Sunny Riviera and Exclusive Copper Canyon Await in Mexico

From fall 2010 to spring 2011 Holland America Line is featuring 36 six- to 12-day cruises to the popular Mexican Riviera, plus four ranging from 10 to 14 days that highlight the Sea of Cortez with optional tours to famous Copper Canyon.

ms Oosterdam sails one six-day and several seven-day Mexican Riviera cruises roundtrip from San Diego in fall and winter/spring. The Vista-class ship cruises first through wildlife-rich Bahia Magdalena and then visits the lively ports of Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Oosterdam also offers a 14-day Sea of Cortez itinerary from San Diego to Vancouver, British Columbia, in the spring.

ms Zaandam features 10-, 11- and 14-day cruises departing roundtrip from San Diego for the Sea of Cortez and

Mexican Riviera in winter and spring 2011. Guests visit Cabo San Lucas, Loreto, Guaymas, Topolobampo, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta on the Sea of Cortez itineraries. From Topolobampo, the highlight is the full-day optional excursion via rail deep into spectacular Copper Canyon.

In addition, ms Rotterdam offers a 12-day holiday cruise and ms Amsterdam sails two six-day cruises to the Mexican Riviera roundtrip from San Diego in December 2010.

San Diego Offers Homeport Premium Cruise Access to Hawaii

San Diego is also the convenient homeport for roundtrip cruises to Hawaii. From October 2010 through April 2011, Zaandam offers 11 Circle Hawaii cruises that range from 14 to 18 days, including one holiday sailing. Departures mostly sail roundtrip from San Diego; one sails in April 2011 roundtrip from Vancouver, British Columbia in the Pacific Northwest. In October 2010, Zaandam features a 15-day Circle Hawaii sailing from Vancouver to San Diego.

The cruises call at four main islands, including Hilo, Hawaii; Honolulu, Oahu; Nawiliwili, Kauai; and Lahaina, Maui. The October 2010 15-day sailing calls on these ports and also at Kona with an evening cruise by Kilauea Volcano.

Rotterdam adds four 30- and 31-day Circle Hawaii, Tahiti and Marquesas voyages that sail roundtrip from San Diego. These cruises through the islands of Polynesia include an overnight in Papeete, French Polynesia. □





# Public Party Health

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

We are currently involved with a movement that is more than a harmless symbolic party in the streets. Anthropologists and Traditional Chinese Medical physicians know that people, as part of nature, are influenced by a surge of hormones that takes place in all animals this time of the year. Hormones, which if we do not learn to live with will have us, do things that we cannot understand.

Carnival is an annual spring celebration of life found in many countries of the world. By learning about carnival, we can learn more about accepting and understanding other cultures. Like anything in life, by understanding what is going on we can better take care of ourselves.

We can read about the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus as the best historical account of what originally went on during spring rites. The historical record reads that a great number of converts gave in to the free flowing wine. The festivities existed for provoking or exciting lustful, erotic participation among the participants, including all sort of unrestrained self-indulgent sexual behavior.

Here in Aruba we have a saying that says, "What done while drunk does not count"; an unfortunate social excuse for not having

to take responsibility for your actions. Several people partying in the streets will drink themselves to the point of Alcohol Poisoning, which is an acute medical emergency. Passing out is not always just sleeping it off.

How can you tell if someone is about to become a victim of alcohol poisoning and if they are what can you do to help? The signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning is a person who is unconscious or semi-consciousness and has slow respiration (breaths) of eight or less per minute or lapses between breaths of more than eight seconds; often they will have cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin. In the event of alcohol poisoning, this will most likely be accompanied by a strong odor of alcohol.

If you encounter a person who exhibits one or more of the signs and symptoms, CALL 911. While waiting for help to arrive, gently turn the intoxicated person on his/her side and maintain that position by placing a pillow in the small of the person's back. This is important to prevent aspiration (choking) should the person vomit. Stay with the person until medical help arrives. If a person appears to be "sleeping it off" it is important to realize that even though a person may be semi-conscious, alcohol already in the stomach may continue to enter the bloodstream

and circulate throughout the body. The person's life may still be in danger. If you are having difficulty in determining whether an individual is acutely intoxicated, contact a first aid provider immediately—the victim cannot afford for you to guess.

With all this alcohol and dancing for many it equals sexual activity. The many underage girls who were impregnated last year during Carnival do have to live with the consequences, as do the "children of children." Besides pregnancies, unprotected sex provides the risk for sexually transmitted diseases. AIDS is still a major public health concern in spite of all the public education campaigns.

While you are partying in the streets, alcohol consumption, dancing and sun adds up to dehydration that has three stages of medical emergency. Dehydration sets in because the alcohol uses much body water and you are also losing much water through perspiration as your body tries to keep cool. Only water or apple juice will replenish your body's water reserves. Fruit juice or carbonated soft drinks do not help any to replenish your body's water. If no water is consumed the dehydration leads to heat cramps where cramping of muscles of the abdomen, legs, and arms take place. People with heat cramps are pale, have moist

clammy skin, and rapid shallow breathing. There is still time to cool off and drink water to help correct the problem. Unfortunately, if not addressed the last stage of dehydration is a life threatening heat stroke. A victim presents with red flushed skin. The person might or might not be sweating. Their pulse is rapid and as their temperature continues to rise above 105 F degrees they will appear disoriented and confused; before they lose consciousness; throwing water, beer, any cool liquid on them, to cool them down as quickly as possible helps. One afternoon of becoming dehydrated can take weeks to recover.

Do not forget your ears. Some of these music wagons have sound decibels well in the range that causes ear damage. Earplugs, especially for children are a good idea. In your Healthy Carnival Kit, many given out free by public health and local charities, sunscreen should also be included. You know what I think about all the drugs that will be available.

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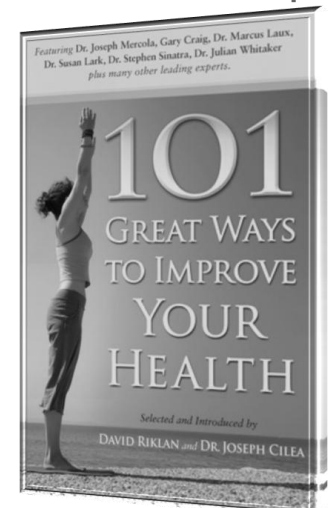
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# Zelayistas desconocen a Lobo como presidente de Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA (AP) - Los simpatizantes del derrocado presidente Manuel Zelaya desconocieron el martes el gobierno de Porfirio Lobo por supuestamente seguir los dictados de Washington y anunciaron su disposición de instalar una constituyente para lograr el poder en Honduras. Sin embargo, el líder del denominado Frente de Resistencia al Golpe de Estado Juan Barahona admitió que no tienen representación legislativa alguna a través de la cual puedan gestionar la conformación del órgano que reforme la Constitución. También señaló que la única forma que tienen para no conferirle reconocimiento al presidente es ignorando cualquier convocatoria de diálogo que haga su gobierno.

A pesar de esas debilidades, Barahona dijo en un comunicado que el movimiento surgido después del golpe de estado del 28 de junio que derrocó a Zelaya todavía lucha “por instalar una constituyente revolucionaria que no deje intacto el sistema de privilegios mediante el cual los poderosos viven con lujos a costa de explotar a los pobres”.

Barahona calificó las elecciones de noviembre de como una “farsa” y por ello consideró que “Lobo no es nuestro presidente, como (el presidente de facto Roberto) Micheletti tampoco lo fue. Lobo es el presidente de los ricos y poderosos, los traidores y los corruptos”.

Y aunque en el comunicado

advirtió que “el camino no será fácil (para formar la constituyente) y estará lleno de obstáculos y sacrificios”, Barahona aclaró que “aún ignoramos cómo convocaremos la constituyente porque no tenemos experiencia al respecto ni contamos con un diputado que pudiera presentar la iniciativa en el congreso”. Dijo que la Resistencia intenta reclutar partidarios en todo el país, porque Barahona cree que alcanzar el éxito en sus metas “depende de la fuerza que tengamos en el momento que hagamos convocatoria en base a nuestro derecho de participación popular”. El golpe de estado a Zelaya fue justificado porque supuestamente quiso reformar la Constitución. □



El presidente de Honduras, Porfirio Lobo, izquierda, ofrece una conferencia de prensa junto al embajador estadounidense Hugo Llorens, el viernes 29 de enero del 2010 en Tegucigalpa. (AP foto/ Esteban Félix)

*En Rep. Dominicana*

## Aumenta vacunas tras muerte en frontera con Haití

SANTO DOMINGO (AP) - Las autoridades sanitarias de República Dominicana reforzaron su control en la frontera con Haití después de que un pastor que ayudaba a víctimas de un terremoto murió debido a una infección bacteriana.

Los médicos están haciendo pruebas a miembros de la iglesia que trabajaron con el pastor Juan Sánchez, de 63 años, para encontrar posibles señales de meningococemia, una infección de la sangre que puede ser transmitida por aire.

El gobierno dijo en un comunicado el martes que no se han identificado casos nuevos. Las autoridades están realizando pruebas en gente en busca de fiebres, y han aumentado el número de vacunas para otras enfermedades con la dengue, malaria y tuberculosis.

Funcionarios sanitarios de la frontera no respondieron de forma inmediata a preguntas. Sánchez se enfermó mientras trabajaba con otras personas para reconstruir un orfanato en Haití. Los voluntarios trabajaban con el afiliado dominicano de la Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía, con sede en Cleveland, Tenesí, y que tiene aproximadamente un millón de miembros en 125 países. □

## Corte Interamericana inicia caso por desaparición en Guatemala

SAN JOSE (AP) - La Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (CorteIDH) realizó el martes una audiencia pública sobre una demanda contra Guatemala por la desaparición forzada hace del líder maya Florencio Chitay Nech hace 28 años cuando fungía como alcalde.

Chitay era maya kaqchikel y era dirigente de la Democracia Cristiana Guatemalteca cuando empezó a sufrir agresiones tras asumir como alcalde municipal de San Martín de Jilotepeque, tras la desaparición del alcalde titular.

Por las amenazas renunció y se trasladó a la ciudad de Guatemala. En abril de 1981 fue secuestrado frente a su hijo y desde entonces no se sabe nada de Chitay.

Su caso inició ante la Corte con una audiencia pública en la que testificaron sus hijos Pedro y Encarnación, así como algunos expertos.

“Antes hubo intentos de secuestro hacia nosotros, nos perseguían... la desaparición de mi padre se debe al liderazgo que tenía y por trabajar en beneficio de los indígenas”, comentó Pedro Chitay a la AP.

Añadió que la demanda se debe a que el estado “no ha hecho nada para esclarecer el caso, y lo hacemos por reivindicar la

memoria de nuestro padre y por la búsqueda de la verdad”.

Indicó además que esperan que un pronunciamiento de la CorteIDH ayude a un esclarecimiento de los hechos, “porque hay 45.000 desaparecidos, que son casos que por temor no se han denunciado”.

Rosalina Tuyuc, designada por la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos para detallar sobre la persecución a líderes indígenas en Guatemala durante el conflicto armado, calificó el retroceso “como de casi 100 años” y destacó impactos como el tener que abandonar las tierras y la pérdida cultural.

“Los líderes son los que guían y buscan soluciones, y cuando no hay liderazgos significa el cierre de oportunidades para las comunidades, quedan en el abandono”, apuntó. Señaló que “el sistema como tal nunca fue hecho para los indígenas”. Por su parte, la abogada de las presuntas víctimas, Astrid Escobedo, calificó como un triunfo el poder presentar el testimonio de dos de los cinco hijos de Chitay ante los jueces.

“Ha sido un proceso difícil porque hasta ahora los hijos deciden hablar y nunca han tenido asistencia psicológica, sus derechos han sido violados por 30 años”, comentó. □



# Filmes Argentina y Perú compiten por premios Oscar

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - El filme argentino "El secreto de sus ojos" y la cinta peruana "La teta asustada" fueron seleccionados el martes como candidatos al Oscar a la mejor película de habla no inglesa. La película argentina, un policial dirigido por Juan José Campanella, y el drama peruano, de la directora Claudia Llosa, competirán en la categoría con "Ajami" de Israel, "Un Prophete" de Francia y "The White Ribbon" de Alemania.

Es la primera vez que Perú logra una nominación a los premios más importantes de la industria cinematográfica. El cine argentino va por la estatuilla dorada que entrega la Academia de las Artes y de las Ciencias Cinematográficas estadounidense con el antecedente de haber obtenido el premio en 1986 con "La historia oficial", dirigida por Luis Puenzo.

Otros filmes argentinos que han sido nominados en otras entregas del Oscar son "La tregua" (1974), "Camila" (1998), "Tango" (1998) y "El hijo de la novia" (2002), también dirigida por Campanella.

"El secreto de sus ojos" se convirtió en un éxito

de taquilla en Argentina, donde fue visto por más de 2,5 millones de espectadores y también fue muy bien recibido en España. "Se vive el proceso con tanta angustia que después, cuando sucede la noticia, es un alivio", dijo Campanella a un canal de televisión en una conversación telefónica desde Los Angeles.

El laureado actor Ricardo Darín es el protagonista del filme y también fue el personaje principal en "El hijo de la novia". En el filme, basado en la novela "La pregunta de sus ojos", de Eduardo Sacheri, Darín interpreta a un funcionario de juzgado que se empeña en escribir una novela sobre un caso en el que estuvo involucrado en la turbulenta década de 1970 en Argentina. □

Imagen de archivo de la directora Claudia Llosa (izq) y la actriz Magaly Solier en el estreno del filme 'La teta asustada' en el Festival de Cine de Berlín, 12 feb 2009. El filme argentino 'El secreto de sus ojos' y la cinta peruana 'La teta asustada' fueron seleccionados el martes como candidatos al Oscar a la mejor película de habla no inglesa. REUTERS/Johannes Eisele/Archivo



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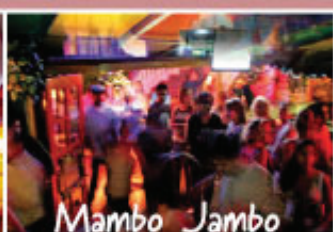
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